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Examiner : Kiran B. Patel
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For : BUMPER WITH ENERGY ABSORBER FORMING
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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

ELECTION/AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed April 19, 2004, Applicant provisionally elects Claim Group I (claims 1-11) for prosecution on the merits, and further elects Species A (Figs. 1-4). Further, below is a preliminary amendment amending several of the restricted-out claims to be dependent on generic base claim 1.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.